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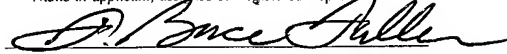
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Responsive to the Office Action of August 3, 2004, a copy of GB 2 035 511 and a PTO-1449 are submitted herewith. This publication corresponds to DE 29 44 831, which was cited in the search report for the corresponding German application. Other references cited in the German search report (or their equivalents) are already of record.

The claims being allowed, early allowance is solicited. If any objections remain, a call to the undersigned is requested.

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